Wakf Land in Ram Bagh, Ambala Cantt

3143. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the status of Wakf land in Ram Bagh, Ambala Cantt. under Punjab Wakf Board which was given to a co-operative society for housing;

(b) whether it is a fact that PWB has failed to protect fully the interests of Wakf Board in that case and many other similar cases; and

(c) if so, the action taken/being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The Wakf land in Ram Bagh in Ambala Cantt. bearing Kh. No. 207/4689 measures about 24000 sq. yards. Out of this about 5986 sq. yards has been kept for burial purposes and 13277 sq. yards has been leased out to Lok Naik Co-operative Society for residential purposes. The remaining areas has been kept for passage. The Society is paying rent for the purpose.

(b) and (c) Interest of the Wakf land is fully protected by Punjab Wakf Board. The Co-operative Society has not so far been granted NOC for construction of residential accommodation. NOC will be granted to the Society only after they agree to pay enhanced donation and rent as per scheduled rate. The field staff have been directed to sent a comprehensive proposal in this respect.

Decline in Female Population

†3144. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether constant decline in female population in proportion to the male population is a matter of concern;

(b) whether Government are vigilant towards the social imbalance and several deformities prevailing in the society;

(c) whether high death rate of female child and female foeticide is one cause of imbalance in the ratio of male and female population;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) what other reasons have come to light; and

(e) what concrete efforts are being made by Government to remove social evils and maintain social balance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conduct Rules in PWB

3145. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether conduct Rules in Punjab Wakf Board are insufficient, compared to CCS Conduct Rules and that discipline is lacking there because of that ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this state of affairs; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Conduct of Punjab Wakf Board employees is governed by PWB Regulations, 1964. Punjab Wakf Board has constituted a Committee consisting of Senior Officers of the Board for drafting fresh Regulations in the light of Wakf Act, 1995.

OBC List of Tamil Nadu

3146. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of representations for inclusion of several castes in OBC category received by National Backward Classes Commission from Tamil Nadu till recently;

(b) the number of castes which have since been recommended for inclusion by the Commission;

(c) whether Government have since accepted all the recommendations of the Commission; and

(d) if not the reasions therefor ?